

# OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

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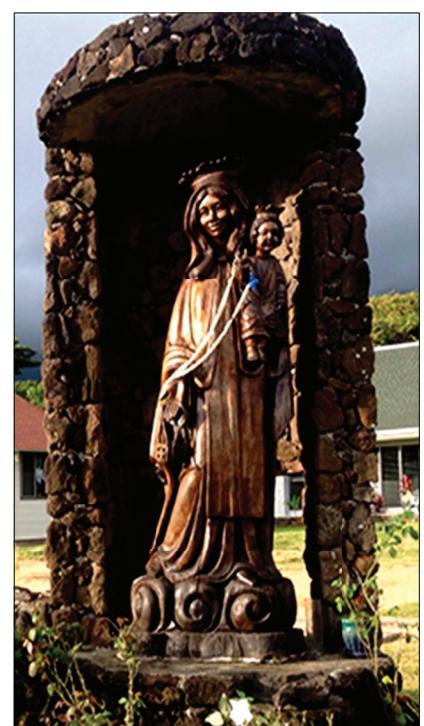


**WELCOME TO OUR LADY OF MT.  
CARMEL CHURCH**

**The Holy Family of Jesus,  
Mary, and Joseph**

## **Parish Mission Statement**

*We the 'Ohana of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church stand united as a committed multicultural parish in prayer and faith; with the power of the Holy Spirit, and the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary; to evangelize in the service of God, by sharing the good news of our Lord Jesus Christ in our words and actions with the hope of eternal salvation for all.*





# The Holy Family of Jesus, Joseph, and Mary

**Gatherings** are familiar settings in the season of Christmas. As much as possible we want to be home for Christmas in order to gather as friends, as working peers, and most especially as a family. And this is one of the reasons why Christmas is joyful and special; that at the end of the day, it is all about family and relationships. If we reflect on Christmas, it is in fact a *family time*. The birth of the messiah completes the **Holy Family**; which we celebrate this Sunday.

What is the good news about the Holy family?

The Holy Family is the model of Christian families. It was not a perfect family. Mary was just a humble and lowly young woman. Joseph, though came from the lineage of King David, was a craftsman and a low-income carpenter. They are poor. Much more than at the beginning of their family life, they had faced great challenges: the heart-breaking journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem, rejection from the innkeeper, death threat from King Herod, the escape to Egypt, and most of all, the horrifying passion and death of Jesus on the cross. They have practically experienced hardships and pains in this world. The family is definitely not perfect... but it is **HOLY**.



The family is holy because God is always with them, and they centered their family on God. The Holy Family is sending us the message that the measure of holiness is not what we have or do not have; it is the presence of God in our families. God alone can make our families holy. It may be impossible to make our families perfect, but if God is present in our families, we can make it holy. God does not desire a perfect family; it is enough for him a family that is Holy.

On the first day of the year, we will also be celebrating the Solemnity of the Motherhood of Mary (if you have time, I invite you to attend the mass in honor of the Blessed Mother @ 7am, Jan. 1, 2024). The Blessed Mother is humanity's greatest gift to God because Mary showed what humanity is capable of... that is, to be the mother of the Son of God. Mary invites us to start the new year of our faith journey 2024 by starting to say yes to what God intends us to be. Let our "yeses" be our act of mission and renewal.

As we welcome year 2024, May we be guided by the light of Jesus; may we be inspired to be holy by the holiness of the Holy Family; and may we be cared by the love of the Blessed Mother.

***Hau'oli, Makahiki Hou!***

# Kēkēmaoa

## Sunday, (Lapule) Dec. 31

- 7:30am Mass
- 10:00am Mass
- (3) Baptism *after* the 10:00am Mass.

## Ianuali

### Monday, (Po'akahi) January 1

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God - \* Holy Day of Obligation

- 6:30am - Rosary led by the Godly Women Ministry
- 7:00am Mass
- Parish office closed.

### Tuesday, (Po'alua) January 2

- No morning Mass.
- Parish office closed.

### Wed. (Po'akolu) January 3

- No morning Mass.

### Thursday, (Po'aha) January 4

- No morning Mass.

### Friday, (Po'alima) January 5

- 8:00am - Mass with Morning prayers & Rosary
- Eucharistic Adoration 9:00am - 9:00pm (*Benediction closing*)

### Saturday, (Po'aono) January 6

- 7:00am - Mass with Morning prayers & Rosary
- 3:00pm - Confessions
- 4:30pm - Vigil Mass
- 5:30 - 11:00pm Sts. Damien & Marianne Parish Hall RESERVED for the Catholic Homeschoolers Annual Epiphany Dance

\*Just a friendly reminder: 2024

Eucharistic Adoration will be held on Friday, January 5th right after the 8:00am Mass, from 9:00am - 9:00pm. The sign up sheet is at the entrance of the church. Please call or text Lucy if you are unable to make your appointment with our Lord, Jesus Christ. He must never be left unattended.



## Mass Intentions for the week

### HEALING & STRENGTH FOR:

Linda Recarte, Corey Ann  
Kehaulani Lau, Rosemary  
Smythe, Valerie Lau, Candice  
Muneoka, Bernadine Zimbra,  
Marie Gonzales, Clifford Makepa  
Clarke, Allen Smith, Bobby  
Wilson, Lin English, Eileen  
Pacheco, Fumiko Sullivan,  
Johnasen Halas ohana, Rose  
Wages Cross, Alberto Adaro Sr.,  
Pearl Adaro, Tracey Taoka,  
Debra Myers, and our parish  
homebound & all care givers.

### FOR THE SOUL OF

+Frances Padeken.  
Condolences to the  
Padeken & Hardy Ohana.

Mahalo for your  
prayers!

## BIG MAHALO TO ALL WHO SERVE!

Grounds Keepers, Church  
Cleaners, Bathroom Cleaner,  
Floral Altar Decorators, Parish  
Pastoral Council, Faith  
Formation, Finance Council, Altar  
Care, Eucharistic Revival Minis-  
try, Building Committee, Ushers,  
Lectors, Godly Women, Pastoral  
Plan, Respect Life, RCIA, Choirs,  
Bereavement, Foodbank, and to  
ALL the ministers in the parish  
who serves so willingly and  
Faithfully, in the name of  
Jesus Christ our Lord!

## OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL

### Parish Treasure Report

### For the weekend of: Dec. 23 & Dec. 24

#### 4:30pm Mass

Building fund...\$395.00

Offering...\$220.00

\*Ohana in Christ...\$10.00

#### 7:30am Mass

Building Fund...\$180.00

Offering...\$296.00

#### 10:00am Mass

Building Fund...\$665.00

Offering...\$240.00

\*Ohana in Christ...\$15.00

#### Online Giving

Building...\$250.00

Christmas...\$1,000.00

Offering..\$375.00

#### The Drop

Funeral...\$1,000.00

Pantry/Kitchen

FBank...\$2,400.00

Offering..\$500.00

#### Other: Christmas

Christmas...\$55.00

## *Grand Total of: \$7,601.00*

\*Monies leaving the  
parish...\$25.00



## Respect Life 2024 Information and Commencement Activities

January 15, 2024: 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm – Pot Luck at Saint Stevens Church in Nuuanu. Featured are 2 guest speakers from Washington D.C. Bring your friends and listen to renowned Catholic Sisters inspire us as the 2024 March for Life begins.

Tuesday, January 16, 9am: A Red Mass Will be Held for the Conversion and Support of Hawaii State Legislators. This marks the opening of the State Legislative Sessions.

Featured will be priest celebrant Bishop Larry Silva. Eva Andrade will also be a guest speaker. Her topic: "Navigating Politics With Positivity and Purpose," is sure to inspire. Mass will be at Our Lady of Peace Cathedral. RSVP by January 9, Brendon Porick, Ph: 808-5858-3347 or email: [bporick@rrchawaii.org](mailto:bporick@rrchawaii.org).

Validated parking will be at Century Square, 1188 Bishop Street, Honolulu.

**Thursday, January 18, 6pm: Saint Theresa Co-Cathedral  
Mass and Adoration with Bishop Larry Silva  
March for Life 2024**

Friday January 19, 3-6 pm: March for Life. Meet in front of the State Capital building.

### An invitation from your Respect Life Ministry:

As Advent comes to a close, and the glow of the Christmas season fades, we enter into the Epiphany, signaling an end to this miraculous event.

Miracles take place every day. They are so common that one seldom stops to contemplate the miracle of life. For most families, it is a joy beyond words. A newborn baby, the breath of new life.

To deepen our Catholic faith and help us all understand and appreciate the values integral to healthy beginnings; the March of Life exists. The March of Life is a multi-cultural and multi-faith event. Its purpose is to educate and remind us as to how wholesome people, families, and societies not only begin, but are maintained. Faith, prayer, education, and communication are key concepts that need to begin early to support a culture of life.

The next March for Life will be on January 19, 2024. This event is scheduled to start at 3 pm, and ends at 6 pm. It will take place at the grounds of the Hawaii State Capital. Booths will be on site to share information. Deeper Still, 40 Days for Life, the Pearson Pregnancy Center, and the Knights of Columbus are several of the organizations planning to be there. The walking path will be determined on site. If walking is not for you, just come and visit us.

When was the last time that you went to our State Capital? Bring your children. Experience our fresh Hawaiian air and Ohana. This is a good opportunity to go outside, socialize, and see what it is all about.

After the first of the year, sign-up sheets available in the back of the church for those interested in attending. \*Carpooling will be arranged from Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

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